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Blood, [which] pledges itself
to a tradition of excellence
and to a liberal education
that is a united endeavor of
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— excerpted from the mission
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Redefining the “Me Generation”



From the Alumni Association Board President

From my several trips back to campus throughout the year, it's not difficult to see how college life at Saint Joseph's has changed since my student days in the early 1960's. Though I wouldn't say that my days as a student were entirely self-serving, I didn't volunteer my time and talent until I was more than a decade out of SJC, and it's only in the past 10 or so years that I have come to fully appreciate the personal rewards

that come from using one's talents to serve others. I was like many other students of that time who were more concerned with grade point averages, graduating, and getting a job.

For all of the many news articles that portray today's college students as worthy members of the “me-generation,” I can attest that a significant number of SJC students are very involved in programs and opportunities to help and serve others. In this issue of *Contact*, you will read about students who participated in the Habitat For Humanity spring break trip to Texas, where they helped to construct affordable housing for the less fortunate. You'll learn that a number of students have enrolled into the national service program Americorps, through which they will use their time to maintain our country's resources and teach in funding-starved school systems. Log on to the College's revamped Web site, www.saintjoe.edu, visit the Campus Ministry section, and marvel at the number of programs implemented by the student body: Kairos retreats; Adopt-a-Highway; Rake and Run; baby showers for mothers in need; mentoring activities for Rensselaer's youth; tee-shirt drives for homeless children; food drives for the hungry; and pro-life rallies, among many others.

When interviewing candidates for the 2004 Senior of the Year Award, the committee members were required to review the resumes of the five student nominees. Believe me, these resumes are quite different from my first college resume. Beyond their coursework and academic honors were a wealth of service hours – a living testament to a well-rounded education.

Be proud of our alma mater, not only for what it teaches in its classrooms, but for what it offers today's students in living out their mission of service in today's world.

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Moody's Light Invitational!



Dig out those golf clubs and prepare to go in the record books as the first winner of the SJC "Moody's Light Invitational." This newly named golf outing takes place on Sunday, August 1, at Wildcat Creek in Kokomo, Indiana. Central Indiana Pumas will enjoy a day on a beautiful golf course, swinging for great hole-in-one prizes, including a trip to the Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and a new car.

After the 18th hole, we'll fire up the grills for a casual dinner, and guests will have an opportunity to show their skills in a putting contest. Sponsorship opportunities are available, and prize donations are always appreciated.

For further information, contact **Eric Mills '92** at ericmills@insightbb.com or Alumni and Parent Relations Director Kendra Illingworth at kendrab@saintjoe.edu.

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Do you know high-school students who would thrive at Saint Joseph's College? Then direct them to the newly revamped

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Remember that alumni can endorse student applications, thus eliminating the \$25 application fee.

To receive applications and request information packets for students in your area, contact the Office of Admissions at 1-800-447-8781 or admissions@saintjoe.edu.



SJC Welcomes Five Pumas into the Sports Hall of Fame

On April 17th, former Assistant Football Coach Ernest Fritsch and alumni **Mike Sheahan '67**, **Mike Houston '82**, **M. Jennifer Radosevic '91**, and **Jimmy Allen, Jr. '91** were inducted into the Saint Joseph's College Sports Hall of Fame for 2004. Sponsored by the College's Alumni Association, the Sports Hall of Fame honors individuals for their athletic achievements during their years with the College and/or in their professional careers. **Lou Offer '69** served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, and several SJC alumni and faculty were present to share kind words and fond stories about those being honored.



Sheahan, Radosevic, Fritsch, Allen, and Houston at SJC's Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

When the inductees took to the podium, they also had a few things to say. Allen thanked SJC for strengthening his values. "I learned how to grow up and learn to be a man, and to have pride in what you do, even in losing situations," said Allen. "Because of that, I never gave up working hard."



Anne Domasica '04 (center)
with parents Tom and Pam

During the President's Senior Dinner for the Class of 2004 on April 16th, Munster, Indiana native **Anne Domasica '04** was honored as Senior of the Year.

"This kind of recognition is not only an honor but a responsibility," Domasica said. "The senior class itself as a whole is outstanding, and to be chosen from a group of four other people who are all more than outstanding is very humbling."

An English-Literature major and Secondary Education minor, she is a recipient of the SJC Presidential Achievement Award and an athletic scholarship for soccer. She has also been a four-time Academic All-Conference winner during her SJC soccer career and was heavily involved in spiritual retreats held both on and off campus. In addition to being named Senior of the Year, Domasica was recently recognized with the Outstanding Future Educator Award, which was presented by the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. This fall, she will teach ninth grade English and serve as assistant coach for women's soccer at Crown Point High School in Crown Point, Indiana.

The other four seniors in the running for the award were **Adam Bartrom '04**, **Luke Hansen '04**, **Jamie Holden '04**, and **Kate Nowalk '04**.

Munster, Indiana Native Named

SJC's Senior of the Year



The Saint Joseph Indian Normal School AKA Drexel Hall was erected in 1888 by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions with funding from Saint Katharine Drexel. Only Indian boys attended the school annually until 1898 when Federal funding and operations ceased. Donated by the Society of the Precious Blood to the College in 1937, used as a dormitory until 1978 and then abandoned. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

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Renovation Kick-Off for Drexel Hall

Drexel Hall, constructed in 1888 as an Indian Normal School, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. From 1999 through 2003, it appeared on Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's 10 Most Endangered.

Rehabilitation of Drexel Hall began in April after a six-year effort to save the National Register-listed building. A \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative is funding the exterior restoration of the 1888 landmark. Rehabilitation of the first floor will be completed with funds from the Indiana Department of Commerce Community Focus Fund, through the Jasper County Commissioners.

"The preservation and restoration of Drexel Hall has been a top priority for us for many years, and we join in celebrating a new chapter in the building's life," said Reid Williamson, President of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

Following the rehabilitation, the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center and Saint Joseph's College Office of Continuing Education and Summer Programs will occupy the first floor. Plans for the use of the second and third floors remain in development. The partnership that mobilized to save the building includes Saint Joseph's College, Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, Historic Preservation Association of Jasper County, college alumni, and business leaders.

Student Colloquium Presents Best of SJC

On March 30th, Saint Joseph's College hosted its first annual academic colloquium on campus. The colloquium included original student work from a variety of academic disciplines, ranging from English to Biology and Environmental science. Presentations included papers, displays on research results, and creative forms of scholarly activities.

Participating students were selected by the faculty of their respective departments and required to submit an abstract of the project to be presented. Dr. Robert Brodman, Professor of Biology and Environmental Science and Colloquium Organizer, believes the program provided two important benefits. "Firstly, it gave participating students the opportunity to gain the experience of presenting their work to peers. Secondly, it helped foster a better academic culture at the College," he explained. "Underclassmen in attendance saw the excellent work that upperclassmen were able to produce. This encourages the underclassmen to set higher goals for themselves in the years ahead."



Eric Peschke '05 will spend his summer in Florida completing an internship for The Golf Channel.

Mass Communication Major Accepts Summer Internship with The Golf Channel

As a three-year member of the men's golf team and a part of the crew for SJC's "TV-6 News," Crown Point, Indiana native Eric Peschke is used to being on the golf course and behind the camera. This summer, he'll have the opportunity to combine those interests as he recently accepted an internship with The Golf Channel in Orlando, Florida. His duties for the station will include researching information on guests, writing and producing segments, editing footage, operating a teleprompter, and serving as a Stage Manager for such popular programs as "Golf Talk," "Academy Live," and "The Grey Goose 19th Hole." If he does well, what began as an internship could end with a full-time position after he graduates in May 2005.

Peschke believes the encouragement he received from SJC faculty has played a significant factor in his recent success. "I have to thank my two Mass Communication professors, Fred Berger and Sally Nesselrode, for believing in me, pushing me, critiquing me, and allowing me to do everything in that field," he said. "I jumped right into everything my freshman year and haven't looked back. Now, I'm going to use this last year and a half to improve as much as I can before getting out there in the real world."

Peschke's previous internship experience includes working for WLFI-Channel 18 in Lafayette, where he edited sports highlights for the station's three evening broadcasts and covered events like the NCAA Women's Division I Golf Championships and Indiana Class 4A Basketball Championship Game. Other activities he's involved in at SJC include serving as Sports Director for WPUM, SJC's campus radio station, and a Resident Assistant for Bennett Hall.

Woodrow Wilson Fellow and Former United States Ambassador Visits SJC

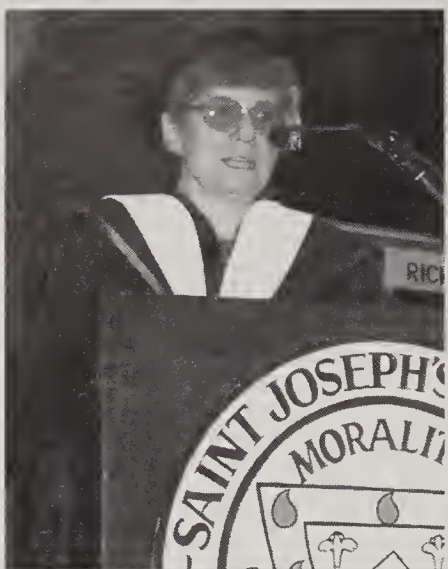
On April 18, Charles "Tony" Gillespie, current Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow and former United States Ambassador to Chile, Colombia, and Grenada, arrived at Saint Joseph's College for a week-long stay. He spoke to Latin American History and International Business courses and sections of Core 8 about Latin America and also gave a lecture titled "The Rise and Fall of Democracies and Dictators in Latin America" for the campus community.

"Gillespie brings real world experience to the classroom and has led a very active life in government through his many important positions," explained Peter Watkins, Associate Professor of Political Science and Academic Cabinet Faculty-at-Large Representative. "He illustrates one very valuable idea to students: the ideas we discuss inside the classroom echo loudly outside. These discussions we have in class do not end at the door."

Gillespie, a 1958 graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, was named Ambassador and Chief of Mission in Grenada while serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, during which he was responsible for Caribbean policy from 1983-1985. He was also Ambassador to Colombia from 1985-1988, after which he served as Ambassador to Chile from 1988-1991. In addition to serving as a Wilson Fellow, Gillespie currently serves as a Senior Resident Fellow in the Forum for International Policy, as well as a principal in the Scowcroft Group, a business firm offering strategic counsel and advice to firms interested or engaged in investment and trade in emerging markets.

CAMPUS NEWS

Monika Hellwig delivers her keynote address to the Class of 2004



Friends gather together at the Lake Banet Senior Picnic
(Back, left to right) **Megan Massengale '04**, **Katie Shenoo '04**, **Andrea Milliser '04**, and **Brooke Mason '04**
(Front) **Samantha Ma'Ayteh '04** and **Angela Williams '04**



SJC Celebrates 109th Comm

On May 9th, 163 students walked across the stage at SJC's 109th Commencement ceremony and listened to the advice given by Monika Hellwig, keynote speaker, honorary degree recipient, and both President and Executive Director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities: use the "wisdom tradition" passed down from Saint Joseph's College to make an impact on the future.

"You have gained more than most college students. The fact that you have studied at a Catholic college means

you have done more than simply acquire a skill. You have received the opportunity to see it all in the context of why we exist, why we are here in the world, and what we are called to do in society," she said.

Hellwig also urged the graduates to draw on that wisdom when making important decisions in their personal and professional lives. "We see ourselves in a world where, all about us, proclaimed values must be sifted through, tested, and scrutinized," she explained. "We cannot take



Mills with **Lance Crow '04** at the President's degree-signing party



President Mills with special guests at a reception held in Hellwig's honor the evening before Commencement (Back, left to right) **Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78**, Mills, Elizabeth Mills, Anne-Marie Egan, David and **Susan Chattin '85**, and Connie and John Nichols (Front) **Very Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S. '84**, Hellwig, and John Egan

Kenny Shumard '04 smiles as he receives his diploma from President Mills



Schreiter receives his honorary degree from President Mills



mencement

for granted that the world as we see it is the world our Creator wants.”

At the ceremony, an honorary degree was also conferred to **Rev. Robert J. Schreiter, C.P.P.S.** Schreiter, who earned degrees from the College in 1968 and 1969, is Vatican Council II Professor of Theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and Professor of Theology and Culture at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

Several other individuals also addressed the graduating class, including SJC President Ernest Mills III, Provost Dr. David Chattin, Co-Valedictorians **Allison Glidewell '04** and **Susan Huss '04**, and Senior Class President **Adam Bartrom '04**. “We may leave college with more questions than answers, and we may not know where we’ll be in a year, but we will leave SJC with the courage to move forward and figure it out,” Huss said.



Raquel Vargas '04 adjusts the tassel of Lauren Woosley '04 before the ceremony



Katie Hardiman '04 stands proudly with members of her family after the ceremony



SJC Presents Service-Based Honors for 2004

Four service-based honors were awarded over Commencement weekend by Saint Joseph's College. Three of those awards were distributed by the senior class as accolades for select faculty who have served as inspiring examples to the College community. The Religio Award, which honors an individual who embodies Catholic and Christian humanistic values, was presented to Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs **Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78**, who has been teaching courses in Religion and Philosophy since 1985. The Moralitas Award, which recognizes high moral character in all personal and professional aspects of life, was granted to Assistant Professor of Education **Tom Ryan '70**, who joined the College's Education Department in 1990. The Scientia Award was awarded to Assistant Professor of English William Motttolese, who recently celebrated his fifth anniversary with SJC.

Lastly, President Ernest Mills III presented **Luke Hansen '04** with the St. Joseph the Educator Award, which is presented to an SJC faculty-or-staff nominated student who is viewed as a model of Christian life by living in service to others. Hansen was recently welcomed into the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and placed with the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley in San Jose, California, which provides legal services to people who are traditionally underrepresented. As part of the Mental Health Advocacy Project, he will work on both individual and system levels to ensure compliance with laws governing mental health patients' rights in psychiatric facilities and programs and represent patients in mental health due process hearings.

OPENING DOORS *for the Class of 2004*

Prior to the College's Commencement ceremony on May 9th, members of the Class of 2004 were already finding their places in "the real world," securing jobs, internships, and enrollment into graduate school before ever stepping foot across the stage.

Perhaps most notable about this year's class is its commitment to ministry. **Luke Hansen '04** was accepted into the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, the largest Catholic lay volunteer program in the country (see page 10). **Shenley Roberts '04** and **Kenny Shumard '04** have joined AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps, a ten-month residential program that stations its members in locations throughout the country and requires them to complete service projects in the areas of education, disaster relief, homelessness, and the environment. **Mike Wallach '04** will also be serving a branch of AmeriCorps titled City Year New Hampshire, for which he'll mentor, provide after-school activities,

career fair experience. **Angela Williams '04** interned for the Indiana State Senate Democratic Caucus in 2003 and is now the new Campaign Manager for Nancy Dembowksi, Democrat Senator for Indiana's fifth district. **Kelli Bridges '04**, a former volunteer for First District Congressman Pete Visclosky, will now serve as a Volunteer Coordinator for his 2004 campaign. **Amy Gulvas '04** began her career with Crowe Chizek and Company, LLC as an intern during the 2003 winter semester and recently accepted a position as Tax Staff Accountant for their Oak Brook, Illinois location. This year's on-campus CareerFest was especially significant for **Billie Jo Gleason '04**, as she met her new employer there, WIBN Oldies Radio, based out of Lafayette, Indiana. Gleason's duties will emphasize marketing and sales.

Mario DiRuzza '04, **Anne Domasica '04**, and **Carolyn Weber '04** have all secured teaching positions; DiRuzza will teach second grade at St.

Augustine's in Rensselaer, Domasica will teach ninth grade English at Crown Point High School in Crown Point, Indiana, and Weber will tackle seventh and eighth grade language arts at St. Athanasius in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ryan Messner '04 began work this June

as a Sales Trainee in the Southern Crops Market with Dow Chemical, and **Dave Fussell '04** took over the management of Country House Restaurant in Alsip, Illinois, where he's spent the last five years as Assistant Manager. **Sean McGeehan '04** decided to start his own business and created a new design for the hammer carrying case, a bag used by track-and-field athletes to carry around their hammers in the hammer throw event. (The bag is advertised in M-F Athletic's online catalog and has pulled in strong sales.) Finally, two seniors are pursuing careers in college admissions and recruitment. **John Westerfield '04** is on board at Louisville, Kentucky's Spalding University as an Enrollment Advisor, while **Greg Rathnow '04** and **Lauren Woosley '04** remain at SJC as Admissions Representatives. **Jeremiah Fields '04** also accepted a job with the College as a Security Officer.

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and perform other services in the New Hampshire school system. Roberts, Shumard, and Wallach will each receive a small monthly stipend and, upon completion of their terms, an education award to be applied toward educational loans or furthering their education.

Many are also enrolled in graduate school. **Eric Hall '04** will begin a program in Antebellum American History this fall at Purdue University, where he received a full-tuition assistantship. Out of more than 5,000 applicants, **Jennifer Zak '04** was one of only 320 undergraduates to be accepted into DePaul University's prestigious College of Law. **Shannon Cheek '04** will study in the College of Medicine and Public Health at Ohio State University, while **Sara Grubbs '04** will earn a degree in Clinical and Mental Health at Valparaiso University.

Even more have secured full-time employment, with several offers resulting from previous internship and

Congratulations, Pumas!



▲ 6507 Garden View at the beginning of SJC's first workday.

► The house today, after four college groups visited Austin, Texas, for Habitat For Humanity's International Collegiate Challenge. *(photo courtesy of Habitat For Humanity)*



Habitat For Humanity Volunteers Spring into Work for International Collegiate Challenge

College students:

raised \$1 million

built 450 homes

visited 225
locations

For the average college student, a typical spring break includes sleeping into the afternoon and sun tanning on the beach. But this year, students belonging to SJC's Habitat For Humanity chapter said good-bye to the beach and hello to Austin, Texas, where they participated in Habitat International's annual Collegiate Challenge during the week of March 8th. There, Pumas strapped on their tool belts and invested more than 30 hours of physical labor into helping build a home for a family in need.

Habitat, a Christian-based ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing, sponsored its 16th Collegiate Challenge program this year. By April 18th, college students raised \$1 million and built 450 homes in 225 locations throughout rural and inner-city areas of the United States and Mexico.



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I have written their contact information below.

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!



Homecoming / Parents' Weekend
SEPTEMBER 17-19

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

- 1:00 pm **Open Golf**
Curtis Creek Country Club
Tee time 1:30 pm
Cost: \$30 per person (includes cart)
- 5:00 pm **Reunion Basketball Challenge**
The 1974 Varsity Basketball team will play the "Merlini Rejects" inside the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse. Witness the re-match of the game that took place 30 years ago when the Rejects started with 100 points and still lost!
- 5:00 pm **Men's Varsity Soccer vs. University of Indianapolis**
Joseph L. Minielli Memorial Soccer Field
- 6:00 pm **Honor Class Dinner Cocktail Hour**
Curtis Creek Country Club
- 7:00 pm **Honor Class Dinner**
Curtis Creek Country Club. True athletes know the best time to energize the body is the night before the games. Honor Class alumni are invited to gather at Curtis Creek Country Club in Rensselaer for cocktails and dinner with President and Mrs. Mills.
- 7:00 pm **Varsity Volleyball vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis**
Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse
- 7:30 pm **Women's Varsity Soccer vs. University of Indianapolis**
Joseph L. Minielli Memorial Soccer Field

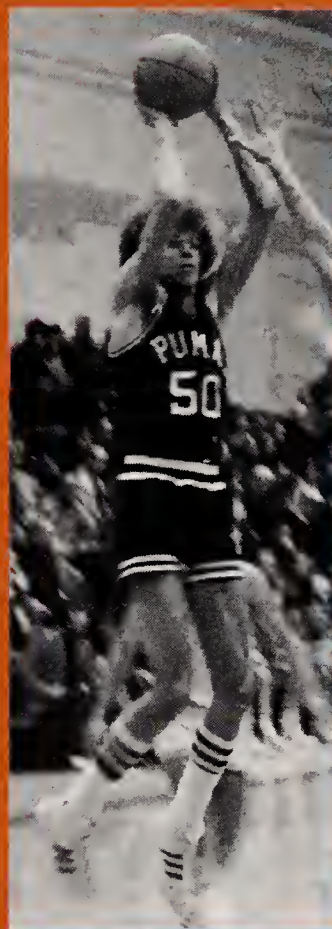
Visit the Homecoming *Starting Line*, located in the Core Education Center Foyer, any time during the day to get maps, purchase Beer & Brat Tent tickets, or to get schedule information.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004

- 7:30 am **"Take Your Mark" 5K Campus Run**
Line up at the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center parking lot;
\$5 registration fee
- 7:30 am-9:00 am **Breakfast**
Halleck Student Center Cafeteria
\$4.25 per person
- 8:30 am **"Reflections"**
President Mills will address alumni, parents and friends on the state of Saint Joseph's College.
Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center
- 9:00 am - Noon **Registration**
Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center Foyer
- 9:30 am **Alpha Lambda Delta Induction Ceremony**
Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center Shen Auditorium
- 9:30 am **Alumni Baseball Game**
Gil Hodges Memorial Field
- 10:00 am **Campus Tours Begin**
Gather at the *Starting Line* in the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center Foyer
- 10:15 am **Honor classes line up for Opening Ceremony**
Gather your classmates and hold your banner high as you march onto the Alumni Football Field to be recognized. Gold Medals will be awarded to the class with the most participation. Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center parking lot.
- 10:45 am **LET THE GAMES BEGIN!**
Opening ceremony; Alumni Football Field
- 11:00 am - 4:30 pm **Alumni Association Beer & Brat Tent and Olympic Challenge Arena Open**
- 11:00 am - 4:30 pm **Alumni in Training**
West of the Beer & Brat Tent. Start training your young Pumas to carry on the legacy. Olympic-style competitions and a kid-friendly obstacle course will provide hours of entertainment for families and friends. Our very popular Art Tent will also be up and running for children of all ages to enjoy. Sponsored by the SJC Alumni Association and the Art Dept.; *Free*

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JIMMY THORDSEN '75

PUMA OLYMPIAN

He celebrated his 19th birthday without ever having played a game of organized basketball, yet today **Jimmy Thordsen '75** holds more records on the Saint Joseph's College basketball court than any other player in the College's history. Arriving at SJC in 1971 from Santurce, Puerto Rico, Thordsen wore the #50 jersey playing as a reserve, but soon proved the skills that earned

him the nickname **Human Rocket**. During his four years at SJC, he became the Pumas' all-time leading scorer with 2,148 total points, earned MVP honors his sophomore, junior, and senior years, and became the first and only player in the Indiana Collegiate Conference and Great Lakes Valley Conference history to be named the league's most valuable player for three straight years. He holds single-game and career records in almost every category imaginable including, but not limited to: most career rebounds (945); most field goals attempted and made (1485-809); most field goals scored at home (416); most field goals scored away (393); most 20-point games in a career (55); most points scored in one season (753); and most points ever scored in one game (53 vs. Valparaiso at Valparaiso in 1974). He was named Little All-American and Academic All-American his junior and senior years, was a member of the National Basketball Team that represented Puerto Rico in the 1972 Olympic Games trials, and played on the Puerto Rican National Team in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

On Saturday, September 18, 2004, Saint Joseph's College will honor Jimmy Thordsen at a special Reunion Dinner Ceremony by forever retiring his #50 basketball jersey.

- 11:30 am Drexel Hall Tour
- Noon Football Game- Saint Joseph's College vs. West Virginia Tech University
- 1:00 pm Varsity Volleyball vs. Quincy University
Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse
- 2:00 pm-4:00 pm **Olympic Challenge Competitions**
Near Beer & Brat Tent. Challenge classmates or pit your class against another to see who can compile the most points. Medals awarded at 4:15 pm.
- 4:15 pm **Olympic Challenge Awards Ceremony**
Alumni Association Beer & Brat Tent
Family Section
- 5:00 pm **Mass**
Saint Joseph's Chapel
- 6:00 pm **"LET THE GAMES BEGIN"
COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
Halleck Student Center Ballroom
(\$30 per person in advance,
\$35 per person at the door)
- 7:00 pm **"LET THE GAMES BEGIN"
REUNION DINNER**
Halleck Student Center Ballroom. Competition on and off the field has been an SJC tradition since the beginning. Reminisce and remember the great games of the past, then witness history in the making as the Saint Joseph's College Alumni Association presents the Alumni Service Award, the Alumni Achievement Award, and honors **Jimmy Thordsen '75** by retiring his #50 basketball jersey.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

- 11:00-1:00 **"CROSSING THE FINISH LINE"
FAREWELL BRUNCH**
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The Alumni Service Award recognizes the selfless giving of time, efforts, and talents to Saint Joseph's College by her graduates. The 2004 recipients of the this award are **Frank Caccamo '61** and **Larry Laudick '69**.

The Alumni Achievement Award is given each year to a graduate who has distinguished themselves in various ways by active participation in service and volunteer organizations or achievement by an alumna/us that reflects an interest or influence that was developed or furthered while attending Saint Joseph's College. The recipient of the 2004 Alumni Achievement Award is the **Very Reverend Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. '84**, Provincial Director of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

These three graduates will be honored at the Homecoming Reunion Dinner on Saturday, September 18th.

NOMINATION FORM

Part of the Alumni Association mission is to recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in various ways in their personal and professional lives. Each year the Alumni Association Board of Directors presents alumni awards in five categories:

- ◆ The Alumni Service Award
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- ◆ Sports Hall of Fame
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- ◆ Senior of the Year Award

All alumni, parents, and friends of Saint Joseph's College are encouraged to nominate deserving alumni for the Achievement Award, Service Award, and induction into the Sports Hall of Fame. We invite you to fill out the form below and mail it to the Alumni Office or log on to www.saintjoe.edu and submit the nomination.

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“Habitat embodies what the Gospel values ask us to do: ‘put faith into action,’ said Fred Berger, Faculty Advisor for SJC’s chapter and Associate Professor of Communication. “It’s too easy just to write a check and throw it in the Mass collection on Sunday. With Habitat, you actually put your love for God’s people out there for everyone to see. That’s what we’re told in various Biblical verses to do.”

Before pulling out their hammers, chapter members rolled up their sleeves and spent Monday morning wrapping up hot dogs and loading a van for an afternoon run of Mobile Loaves and Fishes, an organization based in Austin that delivers food and clothing to the city’s homeless. In the afternoon, they joined a DE-construction crew in tearing down a house and salvaging usable materials, allowing those materials to be transferred a local Habitat “RE-store” and sold to customers at a discounted price.

On Tuesday, the group arrived at 6507 Garden View at 7:30 a.m. for their first day of construction. Tasks included installing a metal-tin roof, mounting side paneling and constructing walls for the house’s interior.

Throughout the week, the assignments presented challenges as well as rewards. “The materials we used were somewhat fragile. We would sometimes spend 10 to 15 minutes measuring, marking and cutting one piece of siding, only to have it break just as we were ready to nail it,” explained **Kenny Shumard ’04**. The upside: “Seeing the difference we made on the house in the few days we were there was awe-inspiring. It was not the same as it was when we got there,”

he said. “We made it better and did meaningful work to bring a family closer to owning a home of their own.”

In the eyes of Lindsay Littlefield, AmeriCorps Volunteer Services Assistant who serves as a liaison between



(Left to right) **Mike Wallach ’04**, **Stephen Kraemer ’04**, and Habitat Faculty Advisor Fred Berger. “Every morning we drove by an overpass that had several homeless people sleeping underneath it,” Wallach said. “I often thought about those people throughout the day and hoped that by helping to build this house, one more person would be saved from such harsh conditions.”

incoming Habitat campus chapters and the Austin affiliate, minor setbacks pale in comparison to the results

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– Fred Berger

produced by Habitat volunteers. “Normally we receive volunteers every Saturday, with the occasional weekday group. Groups like this allow a house to be completed up to eight weeks ahead of schedule,” she said.

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(Left to right) Associate Professor of Communication Sally Nesselrode and sophomore Elizabeth Gall. "I love these Habitat trips," Gall said. "People who might not see each other on campus get together and really work as a team."

That extra time and effort received from Collegiate Challenge volunteers makes a big difference to Habitat homeowners. Littlefield used the family moving into 6507 Garden View as a prime example. "The husband is a man in his seventies or eighties, and his wife is confined to a wheelchair. One of their grown daughters has mental disabilities and needs full-time care," she said. "The last home they were in was an apartment with a caved-in roof, dripping pipes, and mold growing everywhere. And because it wasn't built to accommodate people with disabilities, the wife couldn't even wheel herself down the hallway without scraping her hands against the walls. We couldn't serve families like them without the energy of our volunteers."

Director of Communications Mitchell Gibbs echoed her sentiments. "Each person on a Collegiate Challenge team makes a choice. They've worked hard at school and now

they have a chance to relax.... But they're not," he said. "They're mucking through mud, gobbling down sandwiches, and working from dawn to dusk to help a family realize a dream of owning their home, giving kids a yard to play in, a room to be proud of, a place to study, a place to call home. And they do it with such spirit. There's no way to put a price on that."

As a 10-time Collegiate Challenge veteran, Berger serves as a proud witness to the students' achievements and their commitment to Habitat's mission. "It impresses me that they would give up their vacation – and a chance to be with friends on a beach somewhere – to spend it helping someone less fortunate, sometimes without meeting the families that they're helping," he said. "Some of these students have gone on two, three or even four spring break trips – and paid for the privilege of going!" He added, "Taking college students on a Habitat build for a week develops the Habitat leaders of tomorrow. They always have a great time and want to do more of this type of work. When they graduate, they might look for a Habitat affiliate in their area and get involved."

fastfacts *about Habitat For Humanity*

- Since 1990, SJC students have traveled to 10 different Habitat affiliates and three disaster areas nationwide.
 - One of Habitat's most successful campus programs is Shack City, an annual event for which students sleep outside in cardboard boxes in order to raise funds and awareness about substandard housing.
 - No prior construction experience is needed in order to get involved.
 - The Chapter will make its first international venture to Tanzania, Africa, at the end of July.
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Puma Spotlight:

Blaire Henley '02

Blaire Henley '02, a second-year student at the Indiana University (IU) School of Law, competed in the school's annual Moot Court Competition on February 18th, in which over 144 students took part. Out of the two issues argued by participants, Henley earned top honors for Issue 2.

"I was thrilled to win," she said. "It's hard to stand out in law school, and I knew this activity was my chance to make an impact. I was incredibly pleased with the outcome."

Aiming to emulate oral arguments presented in the appellate court process, IU's Moot Court Competition is competitive, causing students to begin preparation as early as last fall. Participants were assigned one issue and paired with a partner to prepare oral arguments and write a 30-page brief, which outlined the facts of the issue, its history in the court system, the pair's own viewpoint, and citations of previous cases that supported their position. Though students made their argument with his/her partner, scores were based on individual performances.

After three rounds, the board made a cut to the top 32 participants, who then faced off with each other, narrowing the final-

ists to 16, then eight, four, and finally two. Henley was deemed champion for Issue 2, which asked students to determine whether a district judge erred in refusing to evaluate expert testimony provided by two witnesses before allowing their testimony to be taken under consideration.

For Henley, her win was due in part to the intense studying she engaged in months prior to the competition. It was also a result of her education at SJC. "Anytime I had to speak in class prepared me for oral arguments, and I wrote constantly, so that prepared me for writing briefs," she said. "I think my greatest asset was confidence – I had to believe I could do it. Defending my positions in Core discussion classes gave me that confidence."

At IU, Henley is also active with the Christian Legal Society and Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies. This summer, she'll have a clerkship with the Smith, Haughey, Rice, & Roegge, a law firm based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her graduation from law school will take place next May.



Don't forget about these

Upcoming Events

July 23 - 31

Trip to London

July 26

First Annual "Fast Eddy"
Golf Invitational;
Chicago, Illinois

August 1

Moody's Light
Invitational;
Kokomo, Indiana

August 14

Founder's Fund Banquet

August 19-21

Freshman Orientation

August 23

Fall Classes Begin

September 17-19

Homecoming/
Parents' Weekend

September 24-26

Whitewater Rafting;
Hico, West Virginia

COLLEGE FUND UPDATE

Members from the
Class of 1963
at last year's
Homecoming/
Parents' Weekend



Class of 1963 & Class of 1964

The Keith and Kate Robinson Memorial Library is getting some much needed attention – \$468,249 worth of attention – thanks to the efforts of the Classes of 1963 and 1964. Plans are underway to purchase new furniture and enhance other features as necessary. The Class of 1964, led by Board of Trustee Chairman **Jim Madden '64**, is still raising money in anticipation of their 40th reunion this September.

Class of 1969

Funds are still being raised for a Class of 1969 Endowed Scholarship. Trustees **Larry Laudick '69**, **Tom O'Brien '69**, and Alumni Association Board Vice President **Lou Offer '69** lead the effort. Despite the fact that the Class is not celebrating a reunion this year, Pumas decided to take advantage of the amazing opportunities presented by the Lilly Initiative and began fundraising for the scholarship. The scholarship will benefit SJC by continuing the tradition of ensuring that deserving and qualified students can attend SJC regardless of their financial situation.

Class of 1974

In anticipation of their 30th reunion, members from the Class of 1974 are currently raising the last \$13,000 of a \$100,000 goal to benefit the faculty of the Saint Joseph's College Core Curriculum. Called the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Faculty Development Fund, this exciting endowed fund will provide for faculty development expenditures within the Core Program, allowing faculty to capitalize on learning opportunities and teaching resources. Currently, plans are underway for the 30th reunion in 2004 and for maximizing the class gift by fulfilling pledges before December 31st, 2004.

2004 Annual Spring Phonathon

Phonathon is over, and thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends, SJC has secured over \$90,000 in pledges. Students from a variety of clubs and athletic teams called Pumas from coast to coast to let them know about the exciting news on campus and request their support for the College Fund. This is the second Phonathon of the year (the first being our "Falling For Lilly" Phonathon last September), and we couldn't be more grateful for your doubled support.



Lindy Offer, **Rev. Leonard Kostka, C.P.P.S. '35**, and Alumni Association Board Vice President **Lou Offer '56** were among the over 200 guests who enjoyed the evening.

SJC Raises Over \$100,000 at 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction

The 35th Annual Trustees Scholarship Dinner and Auction was held on Friday, April 30th, at the Downtown Chicago Marriott. Honorees for the Dinner were Class of 2004 Co-Valedictorians **Allison Glidewell '04** and **Susan Huss '04**. Over 200 guests enjoyed a lively evening of dinner and dancing, raising over \$100,000 in net revenue. The annual growth and success of this event is due to the attendees, sponsors, and auction donors. SJC extends a special thanks to the 2004 sponsors:



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2004 SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FALL SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	Ashland University	7:00 p.m.
9/4	University of St. Francis (Illinois)	12:00 p.m.
9/11	Northwood University	12:00 p.m.
9/18	West Virginia University Institute of Technology	12:00 p.m.
10/2	Upper Iowa University	1:00 p.m.
10/9	Western Washington University	1:00 p.m.
10/16	Tiffin University	1:00 p.m.
10/23	Austin Peay State University	12:00 p.m.
10/30	University of Indianapolis	1:00 p.m.
11/13	Butler University	1:00 p.m.
11/20	Lincoln University (Mo.)	12:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/27-28	Ferris State University Tournament	TBA
9/2-6	Western State University Tournament	TBA
9/10-11	St. Xavier University Tournament	TBA
9/15	St. Xavier University	7:00 p.m.
9/17	* University of Missouri - St Louis	7:00 p.m.
9/18	* Quincy University	1:00 p.m.
9/20	Marian College	7:00 p.m.
9/24	* University of Wisconsin - Parkside	7:00 p.m.
9/25	* Lewis University	1:00 p.m.
9/29	* University of Indianapolis	7:00 p.m.
10/1	* Quincy University	7:00 p.m.
10/2	* University of Missouri-St. Louis	1:00 p.m.
10/6	St. Xavier University	7:00 p.m.
10/9	* Bellarmine University	1:00 p.m.
10/11	Taylor University	7:00 p.m.
10/15	* Northern Kentucky University	7:00 p.m.
10/16	* Kentucky Wesleyan College	2:00 p.m.
10/20	* University of Indianapolis	7:00 p.m.
10/22	* Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	7:00 p.m.
10/23	* University of Southern Indiana	2:00 p.m.
10/29	* Kentucky Wesleyan College	7:00 p.m.
10/30	* Northern Kentucky University	1:00 p.m.
11/1	Marian College	7:00 p.m.
11/6	* Lewis University	1:00 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/28	Gannon University	11:00 a.m.
8/29	Mercyhurst College	11:00 a.m.
9/3	Valparaiso University	5:00 p.m.
9/11	Saginaw Valley State University	2:30 p.m.
9/12	Northwood University	2:00 p.m.
9/17	* University of Indianapolis	5:00 p.m.
9/19	* Northern Kentucky University	12:00 p.m.
9/22	University of Findlay	12:00 p.m.
9/24	* Lewis University	12:00 p.m.
9/26	* University of Wisconsin - Parkside	12:00 p.m.
10/1	* Quincy University	5:00 p.m.
10/3	* Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	12:00 p.m.
10/8	* University of Southern Indiana	5:00 p.m.
10/10	* University of Missouri - St. Louis	12:00 p.m.
10/15	* Bellarmine University	5:00 p.m.
10/17	* Kentucky Wesleyan College	12:00 p.m.
10/23	Truman State University	3:15 p.m.
10/24	Rockhurst University	1:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/27	Ashland University	7:00 p.m.
9/4	Winona State University (Minnesota)	7:00 p.m.
9/6	Ferris State University	1:00 p.m.
9/11	Saginaw Valley State University	12:00 p.m.
9/12	Northwood University	12:00 p.m.
9/17	* University of Indianapolis	7:30 p.m.
9/19	* Northern Kentucky University	2:30 p.m.
9/22	University of Findlay	2:30 p.m.
9/24	* Lewis University	2:30 p.m.
9/26	* University of Wisconsin - Parkside	2:30 p.m.
10/1	* Quincy University	7:30 p.m.
10/3	* Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	2:30 p.m.
10/8	* University of Southern Indiana	7:30 p.m.
10/10	* University of Missouri - St. Louis	2:30 p.m.
10/15	* Bellarmine University	7:30 p.m.
10/17	* Kentucky Wesleyan College	2:30 p.m.
10/20	Grand Valley State University	5:00 p.m.
10/23	Minnesota State University - Mankato	11:00 a.m.
10/24	Rockhurst University	11:00 a.m.

Please note: Schedules for golf, tennis, and cross country were not completed by press time.

• For more information about SJC sports schedules, contact Sports Information Director **Clark Teuscher '00** at 219-866-6141 or log on to www.saintjoe.edu/athletics.

(2) indicates a double-header
Bold type indicates home games
 * indicates a GLVC contest

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball Team Qualifies For GLVC Tournament

The SJC baseball team closed out the 2004 season 18-18 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and 24-28 overall, clinching a berth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament after narrowly missing the event the previous year.

The Pumas entered the final week of the regular season in seventh place in the GLVC but went 3-1 in that week to become the fifth seed in the six-team tournament, before bowing out of the double-elimination event with two consecutive losses.

Outfielder Sean McBride posted the highest single-season batting average at SJC since the GLVC began using wood bats for conference games in 1999. He is also in the top five in that era in slugging percentage, on base percentage, and hits. Infielder Mike Victor is second in the wood-bat era at SJC in runs batted in and third in doubles. He is also tied with catcher Mike Marshall for fifth in home runs in a season during that time.

Pitcher Mike Stawski was named the GLVC's Pitcher of the Week for the week of April 12th. First baseman Luke Barrett was named First Team All-GLVC at designated hitter, while McBride and senior Jason Negrón both made the Second Team in the outfield.

An 11-2 win at Quincy University on April 18th gave head coach **Rick O'Dette '99** his 100th victory as SJC head coach. His current record stands at 106-107-2 record in four years.



Negrón (left)

Treesh Earns All-American Honors at Track Nationals



Taylor Treesh '05 (center) with Assistant Track and Field Coach **Joe Koczán '01** and Athletic Director **Bill Massoels '89**

Saint Joseph's College saw its only entrant at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championships earn All-American honors on May 28, as Taylor Treesh '05 placed seventh in the discus throw at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Treesh is the first All-American track and field athlete at SJC since Aaron Thomas earned that status indoors in 2001.

Seeded 19th out of 19 throwers entering the event, Treesh faced long odds in his quest to break into the scoring column. His second throw of the competition went 162 feet, seven inches, which was not his best throw of the season, but was good enough to put him in the ninth and last position in the final round.

Once into the finals, Treesh, who was making his first trip to the national championships, uncorked a personal-best throw of 167-11 to move himself up two spots to seventh. Ashland's John Schulte won the event with a toss of 179-7.

Treesh was one of just two athletes in the field to post a distance which was better than his qualifying mark to get into the meet.

He also qualified for Academic All-American honors from the United States Track Coaches Association.



Where Is He Now?

Brian Simmons

In 1988, Arizona native Brian Simmons was fresh from his graduate program at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, when Saint Joseph's College was looking for a new addition to the Communication Department. By the fall of that year, he was in the classroom teaching for the first time.

"College professors aren't normally trained to teach; they're trained in their discipline, so that first year was a great learning experience for me," he explained. "I used to joke that my students should have only paid half tuition. There was definitely a lot of on-the-job training."

As the years passed on, Simmons became more involved with SJC, serving as Faculty Advisor for WPUM Puma Rock, the campus radio station, and ventured into uncharted territory. The group experimented with 24-hour live programming, as well as broadcasting all home and away games for football and both men and women's basketball. In addition to teaching and advising, he was also a Core 2 Director and belonged to numerous committees. His tenure ended in 1994, when he was asked to assist with the founding of a brand-new institution, Cascade College, in Portland, Oregon.

"The chance to be a part of something from the ground floor was an opportunity too unique to pass up," Simmons said. "I loved the challenge of creating something in the way that a parent tries to shape a child."

Today, Simmons is still teaching at Cascade, where he plans to finish his career. However, he added not a day goes by that he doesn't think of someone from Saint Joseph's College. "I loved my job at SJC, and I loved the people I worked with. My time there helped shape me into the teacher I am today."

Simmons would love to hear from former colleagues and students. He can be reached by e-mail at bsimmons@cascade.edu.

Where Are They Now? notes the current activities of favorite faculty, staff, and friends of the College of years past; Before They Were Pumas profiles SJC graduates, providing glimpses into their pasts and updates on what they are doing today. If you would like to recommend that someone be featured in either piece, please contact Publications and Media Relations Director Breain Ma'Ayeh '02 at 219-866-6177 or breaia@saintjoe.edu.

Before They Were Pumas



Before



Today

Name:

Mary Louise Ames '72

A unique or funny story about you around the time the photo was taken:

It was 1936, and I was six years old, ready to start first grade. We were in the middle of the Depression, and my aunt had just received her first job since her graduation from high school. To celebrate, she took me shopping, bought me this big bow to wear in my hair, and had this picture of me professionally taken. It was the first time my aunt had ever taken me shopping, and the first time I ever posed for a picture – a day filled with a lot of firsts.

High school, city, state:

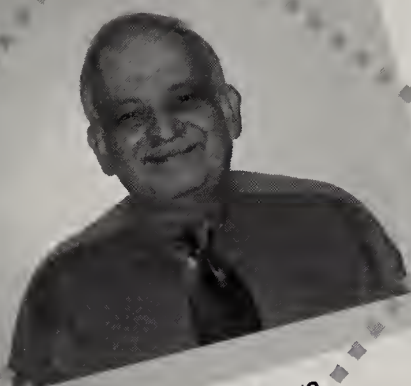
Rensselaer High School
(now Rensselaer Central High School)
Rensselaer, Indiana

Degree:

Elementary Education

What you're doing now:

I'm preparing to retire as the Director/Teacher for the Rensselaer Adult Learning Center, a job I fell into after working for 18 years with the Jasper County Department of Public Welfare. Last November, I joined the Saint Joseph's College Alumni Association Board of Directors. I love this College. I remember working in the College Bank for six years while earning my degree at the same time. I had a lot of fun.



Paul Magro

Paul Magro, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation "The Police and Prejudice: Sentencing Outcomes by Police Toward African Americans" for

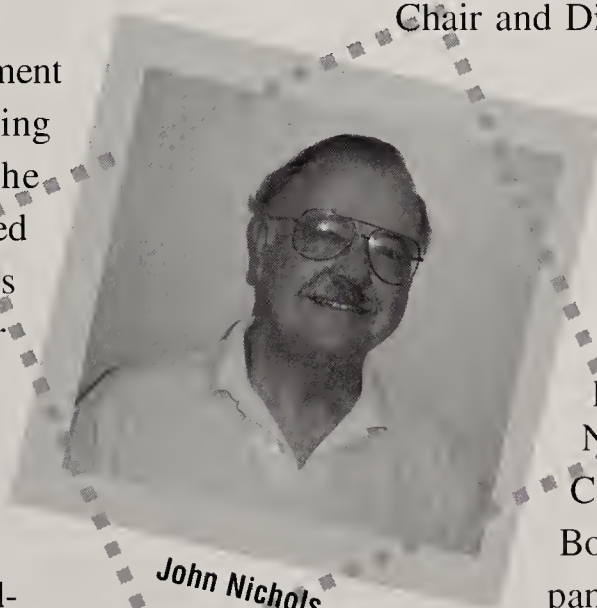
the University of Notre Dame on

March 26th. The dissertation examines police

officers' attitudes toward sentencing differences between Caucasians and African Americans at various stages of their careers. He has also written a technical report, "Characteristics of Police Officers in the state of Indiana: A Comparison of Basic Police Recruits and Veteran Officers," for the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and Northern Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, which is forthcoming. In August, he is scheduled to present "Reducing or Eliminating Halo/Attractiveness Effects in Race-Based Image Vignettes" as a poster session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco, California.

Ernest Mills III, President, was recently appointed to the Executive Board of the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI). The ICI represents more than 30 accredited, degree-granting, non-profit independent colleges and universities in the state.

John Nichols, National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professor, is proud to announce that the report on the national project that he directed for the Association of American Colleges and Universities, *Taking Responsibility for the Quality of the Baccalaureate Degree*, is now available in publication. Members for the Project on Accreditation and Assessment (PAA) came from all across the United States: six from regional accrediting agencies throughout the country; five from specialized accreditors in engineering, business, nursing, and teacher education, and the Presidents and Executive Direc-



John Nichols

tors of the American Association for Higher Education, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, Association for General and Liberal Studies, Council for Administration of General and Liberal Studies, American Council of Academic Deans, Association for Integrative Studies, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The report features three page references to both SJC and Nichols in the text of the monograph, and several of the text's most important ideas find their roots in SJC's own Core Program.



Peter Watkins

Peter Watkins, Associate Professor of Political Science, has been involved in several different projects this past year. Last September, he presented a talk titled "Getting Placed at Liberal Arts Colleges: Do's and Don'ts," for the Department of Political Science at Purdue University. In October, he reviewed the book *Freedom of Speech: Rights and Liberties Under the Law* for CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries and *Law and Terrorism* for Longman Publishers. In January he served as a panel

Chair and Discussant at the annual meeting of

the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana. The panel's title was "Learning Communities: The Next Best Thing?" This June, he will serve as a Moderator for a panel at the Pre-Law Advisors' National Council Fourth National Conference for Pre-Law Advisors in Boston, Massachusetts. The title of the panel is "Michigan and Beyond" and will focus on the U.S. Supreme Court's 2003 affirmative action decisions.

Ralph Parker '42 is now a great-grandfather to Robert Chase Latyak. Are there any other "over the hill" great-grandpas enjoying this title?

John Wood '43 and his wife, Mae, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on a 10-day cruise to Panama. To help them celebrate, they took their son and grandkids along.

Rev. Bernard Boff '54 coauthored the book *Surprises of the Spirit* with Ruth Ann Leidorf, lay missionary for five years with the Toledo Diocesan Mission of Accompaniment in Zimbabwe. For more information, visit www.toledodiocese-spl.org and click on Mission of Accompaniment.

Martin "Des" Ryan '58 retired after 25 years as Executive Director of the Indiana Catholic Conference. He was given special recognition at a reception on May 5, 2004.

Joe Gugliotta '64 retired in June 2001 after 36 years of teaching and coaching at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates, IL. Joe and his wife, Barb, are enjoying their grandchildren and his woodworking. In spring 2004, Gugliotta was inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Terry Dariotis '69 in December 2003 earned a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Florida. He is also board certified by the Florida Bar as a specialist in Wills, Trusts and Estates. His law practice in Tallahassee, FL, focuses on the areas of estate planning, probate, and trust administration.

Frank Shirer '69 moved from doing oral history interviews with members of the United States Army staff to Archivist for the U.S. Center of Military History in April 2003. He has completed the circle that began with his working in the Saint Joseph's College Library for Rev. McCabe and as Student Archivist for Rev. Gerlach.

Michael Georgeson '69 is in his 19th year of employment at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV, where he is a senior casino host.

Peter Agnone '70 was elected President of the Michigan Optometric Association for the 2004 year. The Association named him Michigan Optometrist of the Year in 2000. Agnone practices in Grand Blanc, MI. He resides in Grand Blanc with his wife, Sally, and their two children.

Doug Monforton '71 is the head varsity lacrosse coach at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills, MI.

Gary Stewart '73 relocated from Rensselaer to Peru, IN, to accept a position at Classico Seating as the Director of Manufacturing Operations. He is responsible for all manufacturing activities for this company, producing metal frame chairs and stools for commercial and gaming/casino industries.

J. Kevin McGrath '76 has been named Managing Executive of Financial Institutions Group (FIG) for Crowe Chizek and Company LLC. As Managing Executive, he will lead the 350 personnel who serve more than 1,000 privately held and publicly traded financial institutions and financial services related entities. McGrath has been with Crowe Chizek since 1976 and is based in the firm's Indianapolis office.

Virginia Carhart '78 has completed 23 skydives and is still counting! She just passed 25 years with ExxonMobil Chemical and spent a month flying around the world on business: first to Singapore, then to Europe before returning to Houston, Texas.

Steven Williamson '80 was recently elected President of the Lambertville Board of Education for the second year. He is currently serving the second year of his fifth three-year term, for a total of 14 years on the Board. During his tenure, he has been appointed to the position of Finance Committee Chairman for 12 consecutive years and now President for the past two years. He has been employed at Cenlar FSB for 23 years, currently as Vice President Asset Acquisitions. His responsibilities include purchasing mortgage servicing rights and loan assets for the Bank's balance sheet.

Marshall Considine '81 returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2003 and was promoted to Colonel in October 2003. He returned to Iraq in February 2004 for a six-month tour with the First Marine Expeditionary Force, where he is the Chief of Staff for Communications.

Robert Rogan '84 was recently promoted and relocated to Centex Home Equity's Corporate Office in Dallas, Texas after working for two years as the Indianapolis Account Executive.

Rittinan "Rom" Senakant '85 has been working in Thailand since graduation. He would like to entertain anyone from Saint Joseph's College who passes by his part of the world.

Joe Cook '90 is the Director of Alumni Relations for Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, IN. He will lead a tour in October 2004 for alumni and friends of Saint Meinrad Archabbey to Italy and Switzerland.

Jodi Huerter '96 received her master's degree in Applied Computer Science from Purdue University in December 2003.

James Klunder '97 started a new job in July 2003 with EMC Corporation as a Senior Technical Consultant on the General Motors Account Team.

Tamara (Pottinger) Bruno '97 is married with 2 daughters, Eva (5) and Mara (2). She taught high school Math and German for three years and is now blessed to be able to stay home! She and her husband, Matt, teach Natural Family Planning classes for the Diocese of Peoria in Illinois.

Darren '97 and Tami (Hubbard) Haas '97 have been living in Crawfordsville, IN, since 1998. During that time, they have been teaching in the school system there. Tami has been coaching a high school dance team since 2000 and, this year, her team won the National Dance Team Championship. Since they graduated, the number of students from their community and county who attend SJC has

increased dramatically, and they are proud of that.

Domenic Maciariello '97 was appointed Lead Trial Attorney for the Law Office of Bradley Dworkin in Chicago, IL.

Bill Gill '98 recently accepted a new job with Simon Property Group in Indianapolis, Indiana. Simon is the largest Retail Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Company in the U.S. He is responsible for getting Simon in compliance with the new accounting legislation (Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002-Section 404) that was signed into law by President Bush in 2002.

Jennifer (Mantz) Velez '98 finished up her third year of graduate school at Hampton University. She is currently doing her clinical rotations for Medical Physics at Eastern Virginia Medical School. She was inducted into Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society.

Jill Orzechoskie '99 is a licensed physical therapist and athletic trainer. She obtained her Master's in Physical Therapy from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001 and is currently Director of Outpatient Orthopedic Clinic in Johnson Creek, WI.

Edward Hayes '00 was promoted to full-time Health teacher at Logansport Central School Corporation.

Christine (Bonnema) Vorrier '01 recently accepted a Case Manager position at the Madison Center in LaPorte, IN.

Courtney Coe '01 successfully started the Norwich University Master of Justice Administration Program with a projected graduation date of June 2005.

Amy (Wittenberg) Hansen '02 is in her first year as a pre-kindergarten teacher in the Parchment School District in Parchment, MI.

Gregory '02 and Beth (Nix) Peters '02 had twins on December 23, 2003. They were very premature (15 weeks). Magnolia Anne was born in the car on the way to the hospital, weighing 1 lb. 8 oz. She is doing very well now – she is a miracle. She weighs 4 lbs. 1 oz. and the

doctors say she will be going home in a few weeks. Grace Christine was taken by emergency c-section, weighing only 1 lb. 3 oz. She passed away on Christmas morning.

Randy Hoffman '02 is traveling extensively and working with **Kris Krouse '02** at Bio Management Services in Tinley Park, IL.

Engagements

Arthur Voellinger '63 to Karen Fitzgerald. A fall 2004 wedding is planned.

Joe Cook '90 to Lisa Nord. A November 6, 2004 wedding is planned.

Jill Orzechoskie '99 to Jeff Joyce. A September 25, 2004 wedding is planned. **Mary Reid '00** will be a bridesmaid.

Carrie Chocholek '00 to Matt Johnsen. A June 2005 wedding is planned.

Elizabeth "Liza" Storey '01 to Derek Sumpter. A May 14, 2005 wedding is planned.

Caroline Monforton '03 to **David Norton '03** An October 30, 2004 wedding is planned. Pumas in the wedding party will include **Aaron Cline '03**, **Richard Delgado '03**, **Anna Westwood '04**, **Jennifer Monforton '03**, **Jamie Marshall '02**, and **Holly Copeland '03** The wedding will take place at St. Peter's Church in Fort Wayne, IN.

Marriages

Michael Sherkey '88 to Kelly Ann O'Malley, 2/21/04. **Tim Daly '88** was part of the wedding party.

Michael Cooke '89 to Dina Grammatis, 9/27/03. **Rev. Tim McFarland '78** officiated the Mass and groomsmen included **Kevin O'Shaughnessy '89** and **Rob Skrinak '89** Also in attendance were **Carla (Veneziano) Macksey '88**, **Mary (McVeigh) Rowe '88**, **Victoria (Munk) Moisa '90**, **Tricia (Hill) Skrinak '90**, **Marianne (Bankert) McKibbon '91**, and **Mark McKibon '92**.

Sean Hanlon '89 to Cosima Jenkins, 9/20/03 on the beach in Clearwater Beach, FL. The

wedding was attended by **Jim Cooley '91**, **Scott Brady '91**, and **Joel Cornell '91**

Tricia Fledderjohn '93 to Dave Reidenbach, 9/13/03. **Jennifer Dreyer '92**, **Jamie (Doerger) Rickett '93**, and **Curtiss Payne '95** were all in attendance.

Timothy Renners '94 to **Barbara Holkamp '95**, 4/30/04.

Eric Nisbeth '98 to Courtney Kelly, 4/17/04. Groomsmen included **Todd Tyler '98** and **Zack Milito '98**. Others in attendance included **Paul Erck '97**, **Patrick Lockwood '98**, **Doug McPhee '98**, **Jason Rozanski '98**, **Scott Satterthwaite '95**, **Jay Scafide '98**, **Liz Slate '98**, **Jeff Taylor '99** and **Ben Waldron '98**.

Jillian Lagerhausen '00 to Brock Harp, 7/3/03.

Cindy Hutchison '01 to Sam Helmbrecht, 3/13/04. **Stephanie Clark '01** was the maid of honor and **Michelle Mori '01** was a bridesmaid. Other pumas in attendance were **Sarah Buelo '01**, **Jill Morgan '01**, **Jason '00** and **Stephanie (Bowers) Miller '01**, **Nikki Harris '01**, **Cody Hooker '98**, **Brianna Samsel '01**, **Eric Schneider '01**, **Shawn Delahanty '01**, **Michael Gomez '01**, and **Ted Schirr '02**.

Amy Wittenberg '02 to John Hansen, 7/26/03.

Christian Poliquin '02 to **Teresa Gaura '02**, 8/16/03. **Josh Hughes '02** was the best man, **Melissa Kleinmaus '03** was the maid of honor, **Dan Westphal '02** was a groomsman, and former Pumas Tina Ryan and Jill Leffler were bridesmaids.

Kimberly Hamel '02 to Joshawa Trennepohl, 8/23/03. **Niki Pecho '03** was the maid of honor and **Jennifer Varner '02** was a bridesmaid.

Trisha Toney '03 to **C. Austin Faulkner '03**, 4/17/04.

Births

Caroline Spaniel to **Bill and Bridget (Murray) Spaniel '85**, 5/1/03.

Lauren Marie Doorley to **Tom '88** and **Amy Doorley**, 7/18/03.

Zachary James Hillan to **Jeff '89** and **Cheryl (Brandenburg)**

Hillan '89, 12/12/03.

Cole Allen Treado to **Al '91** and **Kelley (Van Gilder) Treado '89**, 12/19/03. He joins big sister Katherine Grace (4).

Chase Anderson Juster to **Rick Juster** and **Kristin Ruda '91**, 12/18/03.

William Pesch to **Benjamin and Sharon (Gryczewski) Pesch '91**, 2/4/03.

Justin Thomas Brady to **Scott '91** and **Catherine Brady**, 12/23/03.

Abigail Kate Heintz to **Mark and Cynthia (Stibich) Heintz '92**, 2/4/04. She was welcomed home by big sisters Kelsey (11) and Emily (5) and big brother Jackson (3).

Matthew Joseph Weill to **Joseph and Paula (Kline) Weill '92**, 3/14/04. He was welcomed home by big sister Ashley (5).

Ross Christian Leek to **Geoffrey '93** and **Kristi Leek**, 1/2/04.

Joseph Paul Slys to **Mike '94** and **Tasha Slys**, 2/11/04.

Evan Michael Stader to **Mike '94** and **Erin Stader**, 12/2/03. He should run his first Little 500 in 2022 as a member of Friendly Ghost Racing.

Sydney Madison Brenneman to **Stephen and K. Jill (Hannon) Brenneman '94**, 10/3/02.

Christian Tyler Brenneman to **Stephen and K. Jill (Hannon) Brenneman '94**, 10/6/03.

Layla Margarite Muhammad to **Anwar '95** and **Rebecca (Fogg) Muhammad '98**, 2/1/04.

Charlie Jameson Klunder to **James '97** and **Alisha Klunder**, 8/21/02.

Joseph William Klunder to **James '97** and **Alisha Klunder**, 10/31/03.

Gavin Michael Carrasco to **Michelle (Davies) '98** and **Mario Carrasco**, 5/9/03.

Reilly Marian Schalliol to **Mary (Zurek) '99** and **Charley Schalliol '99**, 4/30/03.

Isabella Mae Harp to **Brock and Jillian (Lagerhausen) Harp '00**, 11/30/03.

Amelia "Mia" Helen McCready to **Michael and Denise (Rybicki) McCready '00**, 4/8/04.

Joseph James Burke to **Jason '01** and **Kelly (Dougherty) Burke '01**, 11/26/03.

Niah LiVaughn Cantrell to **Varon '01** and **Lisa Cantrell**, 10/12/03.

Elijah Robert Davis to **Ben and Wendy (Charlesworth) Davis '01**, 4/4/04.

Drew Charles Stultz to **Brian '01** and **Kelly Stultz**, 1/16/04.

Magnolia Anne Peters to **Gregory '02** and **Beth (Nix) Peters '02**, 12/23/03.

Deaths

Michael C. Sabo '27 (SJC Academy), date unknown.

Rev. Joseph A. Jacobs '34, 7/4/03.

Arthur J. Leuterman '35, 3/15/04.

Reverend Fred A. Schroeder '36 (SJC Academy), 3/1/04.

Louis R. Yugovich '43, 2/14/04.

Rev. Frederick H. Gschwind '46, 3/10/04.

Rev. Emil Dinkel, C.P.P.S. '48, 2/20/04.

Leonard B. De Fabo '54, date unknown.

Robert N. Gontko '59, date unknown.

Edward J. Graczyk '59, date unknown.

Bernard Beland '59, date unknown.

Theodore F. Lake '61, 12/1/03.

Thomas F. Ariens '61, June 2002.

John C. Kolesar '61, date unknown.

Daniel S. Zawila '63, 4/14/04.

James C. Hattemer '65, 1/29/04.

Ray G. Yeoman '71, 2/5/04.

Sr. Catherine Fay, B.V.M., Fellow and former faculty member, 1978-2002, 3/8/04.

Grace Christine Peters, 12/25/03. Twin daughter of **Gregory '02** and **Beth (Nix) Peters '02**.

Vivian D. Renspie, 2/2004. Fellow and mother of **Richard Renspie, Jr. '63** and **Kenneth Renspie '79**.

Barbara J. Pindell, 2/28/04. Fellow and wife of **Joseph Q. Pindell '53**, mother of **Mara (Pindell) Davis '78**, and **Lisa (Pindell) Krasowski '80**.

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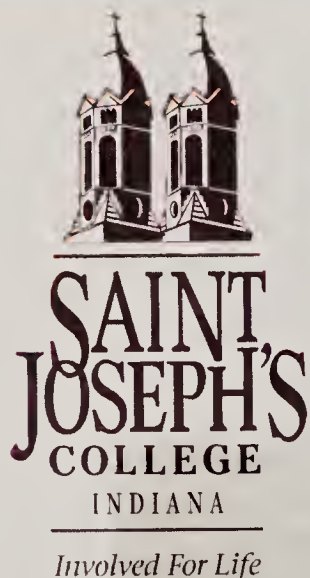
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